Scholarship to students of Maulana Azad Foundation

1392. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government to the Maulana Azad Foundation, for scholarships to students; and

(b) the number of scholarships given to students during 2007, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Interest earned on the corpus of Rs. 200 crores, provided by Government, is the resource available to the Maulana Azad Education Foundation for implementing its educational schemes, including the scheme for scholarship to meritorious girl students.

During 2007-08, the Foundation has so far not sanctioned any scholarship to meritorious girl student as the last date of receipt of applications was 30/09/2007.

Report of Rangnath Mishra Commission

1393. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rangnath Mishra Commission handed over its report to Government on 10th May, 2007;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Commission has recommended to abolish the restriction of religion for providing facilities and reservation similar to Scheduled Castes;

(c) if so, whether the Government would have a discussion on this report in the House and if so, by when; and

(d) by when Government would implement the recommendation of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (d) The National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) submitted its report to the Government on 21st May, 2007. The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration of Government.

Identification of towns and districts for multi-sectoral plan in A.P.

1394. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) the details of minority towns and districts identified in Andhra Pradesh, out of the 338 identified in the country, to formulate the approach for multi-sectoral plan;

(b) the basis adopted in identifying the above towns and districts;

(c) how this Ministry is planning to implement its multi-sectoral plans in the State;

(d) whether there is any time-frame fixed for completing the plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Out of 338 towns, having at least 50,000 population and comprising at least 25% minority population, 25 fall in Andhra Pradesh. The list is given in the Statement (*See below*).

90 minority concentration districts have been identified, based on Census 2001 data of minority population and their relative backwardness, compared to national averages of socio-economic and basic amenities parameters. There is no minority concentration district in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) to (f) A provision of Rs. 120 crore has been made in 2007-08 for implementing a multi-sectoral development programme for 90 minority concentration districts as a Centrally sponsored scheme.

The Task Force on implications of the geographical distribution of minorities in India has submitted its report on 8.11.2007 containing recommendations for improving the conditions of the identified towns.

Statement

Identification of Towns and Districts for Multi-sectoral Plan in Andhra Pradesh

Sl. No.	District	Town
1.	Adilabad	Adilabad (M)
2.	Nizamabad	Nizamabad (M)
3.	Hyderabad	Hyderabad (M corp.+OG)
4.	Rangareddi	Rajendranagar (M+OG)
5.	Mahbubnagar	Mahbubnagar (M+OG)
6.	Cuddapah	Cuddapah (M+OG)
7.	Cuddapah	Proddatur (M)
8.	Kurnool	Adoni (M+OG)
9.	Kurnool	Kurnool (M Corp.)
10.	Kurnool	Nandyal (M+OG)
11.	Anantapur	Guntakal (M)
12.	Anantapur	Hindupur (M)
13.	Chittoor	Madanapalle (M+OG)
14.	Adilabad	Kagaznagar (M)
15.	Adilabad	Nirmal (M)
16.	Nizamabad	Bodhan (M)
17.	Nizamabad	Kamareddy (M)
18.	Karimnagar	Koratla (M)
19.	Medak	Sangareddy (M)
20.	Rangareddi	Tandur (M)
21.	Guntur	Chilakaluripet (M)
22.	Guntur	Narasaraopet (M+OG)
23.	Cuddapah	Rayachoti (CT)
24.	Anantapur	Kadiri (M)
25.	Anantapur	Tadpatri (M)